

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 are pending in the instant application. No claims have been added. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-13 remain pending.

The abstract has been objected to as being too short. Claim one has been summarized in a replacement abstract.

Figure 3 has been objected to due to a misspelling of "HIERARCHICAL." Corrected drawing sheet is provided herewith.

The claims were objected to due to informalities. Claims have been amended to correct the informalities.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for issuance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted:

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